

Spending the
summer
with us -
What a beautiful
summer morning
and what a
beautiful wild
and what lovely
beside in it -
I should like
to unarm you
XWS.

Melrose -
July 4th

How generous of you, my dear
friend, when I was already in
debt to you for a long and interesting
letter to write me another - I waited
to see if "Homer's History of the Super-
natural" which Mr Sewall thought was
lent to somebody, would turn up for
you, but he thinks you would
hardly find it worth reading, and
I suspect it was sent away with
some other books to the South -

What you say of Spiritualism has
been exactly my own experience, and
yet there is always a spark of hope
left that I shall find something more
satisfactory - We spent last Sunday
with Mrs Paulina Davis at Providence
who had been confined to her room
for many months by rheumatism in

The joints from which she suffers severely, and which I fear is fast wearing her out - She does not have much hope of ever being well and is very much interested in Spiritualism and has had her steady visit her and tells astounding things - I can conceive that she might be carried away by her imagination and strong desire, but Mr David is one of the most matter of fact persons I know, proverbially correct, and he told us that they not only saw the hands of departed friends but pressed them.

We imagine that as soon as a person has shuffled off the mortal coil ^{he} ~~they~~ is ~~are~~ able to do any thing ~~they~~ pleased; but is it not possible that they have to learn how to communicate, by a slow process, after death? and it may take the child a year or more to acquire spiritual force sufficient. It seems

incredible that there should be such
extensive hungering, more so, than
the miracles we are asked to believe.

I am glad you like Miss
Lancens book. I wish I had a real
good novel for you - I read so far,
that I never know what to recom-
mend, or to buy - The book that Mr
Wilson left for you is at Mr Sewalls
office - He also had the ^{Rail road} papers you
refer to, and will have the certificate
as soon as he can get it in exchange
for the receipt -

Mrs Owen is visiting me, who is a
very lovely woman and had lately
become acquainted with Mrs Dubel -
I invited Mrs Lovemore to meet her
here last week - She is very inter-
esting in favor of Beecher; and after
hearing her talk one can hardly doubt
his innocence - She had lately seen
Mrs Tilton, and pointed her in the

most favorable light; but, according
to her own confessing, she had committed
an abominable sin, that of slandering
and injuring a good man. Indeed
the sin she confessed seemed to me quite
as bad as the one she denied. The
Davids at Providence were quite as
strong against Beecher. I am thankful
the trial is over.

I want you to take your own time
to come and see us, and always
remember you cannot come too
soon or stay too long. Mr. Sewall
wants to go away a few weeks in
the hot weather, but I never can tell
when he will be ready to go; there
are so many things in his business that
detain him. Lucy sailed yesterday
for England to be gone 3 months. The
Cabots are at Beverly, and Louisa is getting
quite strong.

Mrs. Severance's address is, Mrs C. M.
Severance - care Mr. Seymour Severance
I do not know Mrs } Santa Barbara
Joys } California